## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 28, 2010

Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) give fair consideration to the proposed Comeast/General Electric (GE) joint venture regarding NBC Universal (NBCU).

Both GE and NBCU have strong business presences in New York State. A joint venture with GE, whereby Comcast would assume control and management of NBCU, would have a strong economic impact on the State, with the potential to create additional jobs. I am encouraged by Comcast's assertion that consumers would stand to benefit from an approved joint venture, and by the fact that both parties have volunteered numerous conditions to protect competition.

Comcast and NBCU have committed to upholding the public's best interest by maintaining competition, localism, and diversity in the proposed joint venture. I encourage FCC to hold to both parties to their commitments as the proposal is examined.

Thank you for your consideration of this joint venture. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Katie Kulpa in my Washington, DC office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer United States Senator

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

September 29, 2010

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer United States Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's review of the proposed joint venture between Comcast Corporation and General Electric Company (GE), together with GE's subsidiary, NBC Universal, Inc. I appreciate your interest in this important transaction and value your views. We will make your correspondence part of the record in the proceeding.

I agree that the Commission's analysis of the proposed Comcast-GE transaction must be thorough, fair, and conducted in an expeditious manner. Staff studied carefully the Commission's past practices in reviewing proposed transactions in order to develop procedures that better achieve these objectives. As part of this effort, the Commission's *Public Notice* seeking comment on the applications required that all substantive issues be raised in the initial filings so that the parties would have the opportunity to address the issues as early as possible in the proceeding.

Please be assured that the issues discussed in your letter, including the potential benefits of a combined Comcast-NBC Universal to the American public, will be considered carefully as part of the Commission's independent review of the transaction. Our staff will continue to work diligently as it reviews the record compiled in the proceeding, including all petitions and comments received from the public. We also will continue to coordinate our efforts with those of the Department of Justice as we strive to have a comprehensive and timely review.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Julius Genachowski